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SUBJECT: NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ON QA'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

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1. JUNE 3 NEUES DEUTSCHLAND MARKED FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT'S COMING INTO FORCE WITH AN EDITORIAL SUGGESTING THAT THE RENUNCIATION OF ACTIVITIES (BY THE WEST) CONTRAVENING THE QA AND OTHER AGREEMENTS IS AN "ABSOLUTE PREREQUISITE TO THE ENJOYMENT OF THE FRUITS OF DETENTE AND A PEACEFUL LIFE" BY WEST BERLIN. THE NEWSPAPER GOES ON TO LIST SEVERAL ATTEMPTS BY "CERTAIN FORCES" TO "UNDERCUT THE QA OR CHANGE THE SPECIAL STATUS OF WEST BERLIN: ONE-SIDED DETERMINATION BY THE WESTERN ALLIES, OSTENSIBLY JUSTIFIED ON THE BASIS OF "ORIGINAL VICTORS' RIGHTS" HAVE BEEN TAKEN AS PRETEXTS TO DEBASE THE CLEAR PROVISIONS OF THE QA, TO TREAT WEST BERLIN

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AS A PART OF THE FRG, TO EXPAND THE FEDERAL PRESENCE IN WEST BERLIN, AND TO INCLUDE WEST BERLIN IN THE SO-CALLED EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES." IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AIMED AT INCORPORATING WEST BERLIN ILLEGALLY INTO THE FRG.

2. WHILE HAILING LONDON DECLARATIONS' CALL FOR STRICT

OBSERVANCE AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF QA, NEUES
DEUTSCHLAND CLAIMED DECLARATION ENCOURAGED VIOLATIONS
SUCH AS THOSE CITED, GOING SO FAR AS TO PUT IN
QUESTION THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY
OF GDR. AUTHORS OF THE THESIS THAT THERE IS A FOUR-
POWER STATUS OF "GREATER BERLIN" PLACE THEMSELVES
IN FLAGRANT CONTRADICTION TO VALID AGREEMENTS,
ARTICLE ADDED.

3. OUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN THE GDR AND WEST
BERLIN CAN BE SOLVED, NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ASSERTED, WITH
PRECONDITION THAT BOTH SIDES RESPECT THE OTHER'S
RIGHTS AND INTERESTS AND THAT SENAT IS READY TO
AGREE TO AN ORDERLY SETTLEMENT. GDR PROPOSALS HAVE
BEEN ON THE TABLE FOR A LONG TIME.

4. COMMENT: EDITORIAL STRIKES US AS A MORE FORMALIZED
RESPONSE TO THE LONDON DECLARATION THAN ERICH
HONECKER'S REMARKS INSERTED IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE
VISITIING LAO DELEGATION (REFTEL). LIKE THE LONDON
DECLARATION, NEUES DEUTSCHLAND PIECE OFFERS BOTH THE
CARROT AND THE STICK, BUT RATHER THAN HINT BROADLY
AT THREATS TO DETENTE, AS DID DECLARATION, IT POINTS
THE STICK DIRECTLY AT WEST BERLIN. HONECKER'S RECENT
CRITICISM OF FRG CHANCELOR'S REFERENCE TO "GREATER
BERLIN" CONTAINED SIMILAR SUGGESTION OF POSSIBLE
DAMAGE TO DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS RESULTING FROM
WESTERN "VIOLATIONS" (BERLIN 6083). AT SAME TIME,
JUNE 3 ARTICLE PRAISED QA ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT SOME
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LENGTH AND HELD OUT PROSPECT OF FURTHER BENEFITS FOR
WEST BERLIN ON GDR TERMS.
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